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The Federal Microsoft settlement terms are near farcical. It's bad enough that Microsoft is getting a minor hand slapping... despite the fact that the court found them to be guilty of anti-competitive practices.

You now claim to be "punishing" Microsoft by "forcing" them to expand their market share in the educational segment?!?!

Ignoring the fact that this allows Microsoft to continue to pursue market share in the education segment (while claiming this is their "act of contrition"), how does this deter Microsoft from repeating this behaviour?

Make Microsoft fund an education program with real dollars (aka no stock, equipment and/or software donations). Then keep Microsoft completely out of the administration of that fund. Have non-biased 3rd parties manage the fund and allow the beneficiary schools to make the purchasing decision that's best for that educational institution.

After spending years and millions of tax dollars, this is very dissapointing.

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